

Jacob Thorne grew up in northwest Missouri and attended college at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Following graduation, Jacob married his college sweetheart, Paulette. One week later, Jacob and Paulette moved to St. Louis, Missouri where he attended graduate school at Eden Theological Seminary. He completed his Masters of Divinity in 2005.

Following seminary, Jacob and Paulette returned to Columbia. Jacob joined Broadway Christian Church first as Youth Minister and later as Associate Minister. Under his leadership at Broadway, the youth ministry has significantly grown. The first summer Jacob arrived, eight youth attended the mission trip. This summer, there are more than forty youth planning to attend.

He is co-author of the book, [Missional Youth Ministry: From Gathering Teenagers to Scattering Disciples](#). The book is based on the blog “Rethinking Youth Ministry” ([rethinkingyouthministry.com](http://rethinkingyouthministry.com)) and is scheduled to be published by Zondervan Press in Spring, 2011.

As his ministries at Broadway Christian Church expanded, Jacob became aware that he was not only ready, but wanting, to move into a new phase of ministry. His current responsibilities include worship leadership, preaching, pastoral care, Stephen Ministry, and youth ministry. Jacob feels strongly called to Senior Ministry.

Overall, Jacob believes the mission of the church is to help individuals within a community of faith accomplish three main goals: 1) to be in relationship with the God who created us—the God who knew us before we were born and whose love is steadfast; 2) to live life fully—becoming who we are and who we are meant to be; and 3) to live life as a gift and benefit to others.

Jacob sees himself as leading with a vision for the future that is rooted in prayer. He is committed to working within the Christian practice of discernment, recognizing that ministry is best done as a community and body of Christ. He strives to employ decision-making processes that are clear, transparent, and inclusive of all.

Jacob and Paulette have a fifteen-month old daughter, Annabelle. They look forward to raising Annabelle, and hopefully other children as well, in a loving and caring church family.

